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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Hello,

I wish to have you note my displeasure at the Microsoft vs. Department of Justice Settlement Agreement.

As an I.T. professional for the past 8 or so years, I feel understand all issues surrounding this lawsuit and it's proposed settlement better than the average citizen.

In my humble opinion the settlement is flawed because:

- 1) it does not properly implement it's own proposed measures of forcing Microsoft to share in a fair and even manner APIs to competing vendors for it's middleware
- 2) the phrase "license on reasonable terms" in relation to Microsoft's required licensing of it's network APIs is particularly vague
- 3) various and sundry other detailed reasons that I'm certain you will receive in other like-minded communications

SUMMARY: I feel (as do many of my fellow I.T. friends and coworkers) that Microsoft products are indeed needed for the continued economic success of the United States. However, none of us feel that strict and specific restrictions on their corporate business practices, a strong requirement of Microsoft to share their network and application APIs, and ZERO loopholes (such as the "security and copy protections" one) are necessary for the further growth and success of the I.T. industry.

Microsoft's unconscionable behavior is inexcusable and has hurt this industry severely; this state of affairs cannot be allowed to continue.

In my humble opinion, this settlement agreement is only window dressing and will not solve any problems in the long term.

Sincerely,

Brian Burrington

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